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SUBJECT: ICRC-MIDDLE EAST

1. PRESIDENT ICRC EXECUTIVE BOARD, ROGER GALLOPIN, INVITED IN MISOFF TODAY TO STRESS ICRC'S CONTINUING CONCERN OVER LACK APPLICATION GENEVA CONVENTIONS BY ISRAELI AND SYRIAN AUTHORITIES, ESPECIALLY VIEW REPORTED IMMINENT MEETING OF SECRETARY KISSINGER WITH ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER MOYSHE DAYAN. GALLOPIN EMPHASIZED POINT THAT ICRC UNABLE MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES BECAUSE PARTIES TO CONFLICT MAKE APPLICATION OF THIRD AND FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTIONS CONDITIONAL ON RECIPROCITY AND SUBORDINATE TO POLITICAL AND MILITARY REQUIREMENTS.

2. GALLOPIN EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT GOI PLAYING INTO GOS HANDS BY REFUSING PERMIT ICRC ACCESS TO NEWLY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN GOLAN. GALLOPIN OPINED ATHAT ISRAELI POW'S IN SYRIAN HANDS REPRESENTS STRONG REMAINING LEVER OF GOS WHICH WOULD BE WEAKENED IN GOI WOULD PERMIT ICRC ACCESS TO NEWLY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FYI. ICRC HAS BEEN PERMITTED ACCESS TO NEWLY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ON WEST SIDE SUEZ CANAL. END FYI.
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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN GOLAN COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO PRISONER REPATRIATION.

3. ACCORDING ICRC, THERE ARE 132 ISRAELI MIA'S IN SYRIA AND APPROXIMATELY 400 SYRIAN POW'S IN ISRAEL. GALLOPIN STATED THAT TO DATE GOS HAS FAILED TO SUBMIT CAPTURE CARDS ON ISRAELI POW'S AND THAT ISRAELI POW'S HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO SUBMIT NEWS TO THEIR FAMILIES WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF CAPTURE AS REQUIRED UNDER THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION.

4. ICRC STANDS READY TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY RESPECT NEWLY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN GOLAN AREA AND TOWARD REPATRIATION ISRAELI/SYRIAN POW'S, THIS REGARD GALLOPIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT KISSINGER/DAYAN TALKS AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST WILL IMPROVE POLITICAL CLIMATE AND ENABLE ICRC TO MEET ITS HUMANITARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH, GALLOPIN FEELS, COULD ADVANCE CAUSE OF PEACE.

5. MISSOFF ASSURED GALLOPIN THAT HIS CONCERNS AND VIEWS WOULD BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.BASSIN

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